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Chairman: Mr. Zarif ..... (Islamic Republic of Iran)

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Resumption of the 1999 organizational session

The Chairman: I declare open the resumed 1999 organizational session and the 234th meeting of the Disarmament Commission.

Election of officers

The Chairman: This morning the Disarmament Commission is convened to deal with its unfinished organizational matters, including the election of remaining Bureau members and the appointment of the Chairmen of the Commission's subsidiary bodies.

Earlier in this organizational session the Commission considered a series of organizational matters, including the provisional agenda; the Bureau for the 2000 session; the establishment of two Working Groups on two substantive agenda items; the appointment of the Chairmen of the working groups; and the decision on the dates of the 2000 substantive session. While decisions were made on a number of these issues, others were left outstanding.

In this regard, the Commission has already elected Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Guatemala, Venezuela and Monaco as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Samuel Omehou of Benin as Rapporteur for the 2000 session.

Three vacancies in the posts of Vice-Chairmen *still remain open, and I would urge the two concerned* Groups — the Western European and Other Group and the Eastern European Group — to nominate their candidates for these posts as soon as possible.

I am also happy to inform delegations that, as a result of intensive consultations among the regional groups, the following candidates for the posts of Chairmen of the two Working Groups have been nominated for election: Mr. Yaw Odei Osei of Ghana, for the Working Group on nuclear disarmament, and Ms. Gabriela Martinic of Argentina, as the Chairperson of the Working Group dealing with confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms.

May I take it that the Commission is prepared to elect Mr. Yaw Odei Osei and Ms. Gabriela Martinic as the Chairpersons of the two Working Groups?

It was so decided.

The Chairman: On behalf of the Commission, I extend my warmest congratulations to the elected members of the Bureau and the Chairpersons of the two Working Groups of the Commission on their election for the year 2000.

Closure of the session

The Chairman: I declare the 1999 resumed organizational session closed.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.

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